

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Matt Denison, Carl Malysz, Police Chief Greg Crabtree, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Traffic Director Dennis Smith, Fire Chief Matt Juliot, Street Dept Director Mickey Thompson, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Flood control Director Ron Granger, David Hall, Animal control, Shane Gibson city Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Denison called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Steve Price addressed the board for Mr. Tom Dewberry from Chartres Street stating that he has the credentials to get a handicap parking spot at 1421 Chartres Street.

Mr. Denison stated that he should give the information to Mr. Dennis Smith to investigate and that the board would make a decision next week.

Mr. Price stated that there are also a lot of people here today to discuss the Quiet Zone which he had thought had been worked out. He stated that Mrs. Bolovshak has been working diligently on this.

Mr. Holiday, 704 E. Main Street, addressed the board regarding the Application for the Quiet Zone. He stated that he is the head of the Tourism Bureau and their mission is to bring people to Southern Indiana. He stated that he has lost a lot of business due to the on-going train horns.

Greg Sekula, Director of Historic Landmarks of Southern Indiana, stated that his organization is in support of the Quiet Zone. He feels that it will improve the quality of life in the historic area and that as they try to promote people moving into the historic area it is important

Warren Nash, Solid Waste Director, informed the board of the Earth Day Celebration that they are planning for April 19 at the Falls of the Ohio. He also addressed the board regarding a City clean up day.

Mr. Denison stated that they are currently working on a program that would have 3 or 4 different clean up days throughout the city in different neighborhoods.

Mr. Nash stated that they will not be having a tox-away day this year because they now have the permanent location on 10th Street so they would like to be open on those days so that people can bring their toxins in for disposal. He stated that in the past they have found that the Sunday after Derby is a good day to do this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Valla Ann Bolovshak re: Request for execution of Intent for a Quiet Zone

Ms. Bolovshak presented a letter that she had prepared with a request that Mr. Steve Bush sign it regarding the quiet zone and what areas would be affected. Said letter is on file with the City Clerk's office. She discussed with the board the process that is involved in establishing a quiet zone with the railroad. She stated that she started the process and the railroad thought she was crazy because of the up-grades that would be needed in the approximate amount of half a million dollars.

Mr. Gibson stated that she was not going to get a fight from the city to establish a quiet zone in Downtown New Albany, but asked what exactly she needs from the board.

Ms. Bolovshak stated that they need a letter of intent signed by a member of the police department as well as a community leader. She prepared the letter for Steve Bush to sign.

Mr. Malysz asked if she had a copy of the traffic study that they could have.

Ms. Bolovshak read from the study.

Mr. Malysz applauded her efforts in establishing this quiet zone, but stated that they need a copy of the study for their files so that the board will have the documentation to back up the decision for the quiet zone.

Ms. Bolovshak stated that she could get that for them and that she could get them in contact with Tammy Wagner from the railroad administration that has been her right hand throughout the process.

Mr. Malysz asked if there were any other areas on Main Street that would need to be closed once this is created.

Mr. Denison asked if they could get copies and a number that they could call to contact her if they need to.

Mr. Malysz made a motion stating that this will have a positive impact on the area and moved to table this request in order to receive all documentation and make an final decision within the next couple of weeks, Mr. Denison second with a condition that they put a time frame limit of two week, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Marcey Wisman re: banner request for Strawberry Festival

Ms. Wisman stated that she received the request to hang the banner from May 12-26th at the Spring and 8th location and she explained that this is annual event and the calendar is open for this date.

Mrs. Garry made a motion to approve the banner request, Mr. Malysz second, all voted in favor.

Item #3 - Craig Everle re: requesting repairs of alley between 12th and 13th Street off of Main Street. (812-987-1456)

Mr. Everle addressed the board regarding repairs needed in the alley between 12th and 13th Street off of Main Street. He stated that there is an area in the alley where water stands and the asphalt is crumbling.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the process that the administration is currently going through to determine the most critical areas in the city to pave.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Environmental Right of Entry Agreement

Shane Gibson approached the board regarding the Environmental Right of Entry Agreement with Norfolk Southern. He stated that there has been a study needed for IDEM to do some boring and they needed to do some testing in the area for run-off.

Mr. Malysz moved to approve, Mrs. Garry second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Garry asked if this will conclude the testing in that area.

Mr. Gibson stated that he believes this is the last one that needs to be done.

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that it depends on the results of the testing.

Item #2 - John Rosenbarger re: Daisy Lane Project, Phase II, awarding of damages for right-of-ways

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that at the last meeting the board signed the confirmation of the initial eminent domain resolution and today they need to set the amounts for the eight (8) properties that they will need to take in order to proceed with the project. He stated that after awarding the damages they will hold a Remonstrance Hearing for the individuals to come in to state their case.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the process that they will follow in order to obtain this property for the project to continue and the process and firms used for the appraisals.

Mr. Malysz made a motion to approve the list and setting the amounts on the list and to set the Remonstrance Hearing for 10:30 on April 15, Mrs. Garry second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Ms. Wisman stated that they might want to get it in the newspaper that Street Sweeper started today.

Mr. Denison stated that Mr. Thompson was going to take care of that.

David Hall informed the board that the Animal Control board has approved a revision to the Saturday hours at the animal shelter to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning April 19 with adoption being available from 11-2:30. He stated that this would not affect the number of adoptions but last year the adoptions at the shelter declined during the summer months and this will help to keep their over-head down.

Mr. Malysz stated that he wanted to take this opportunity to recognize the Fire Department, Police Department and the Street department for the extra effort and work that they put into getting the city ready for Senator Hilary Clinton.

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Malysz moved to approve with the March 25th meeting minutes as amended, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor except Mrs. Garry who abstained.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Matthew Denison, President

Marcey Wisman, City Clerk